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## Reaction to Security Agency Defectors

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Why all the fuss about traitors Mitchell and Martin? We surely are a lot better off and more secure without them.

Judging by some of the statements made to the press, they are not overly bright, and it should not be too long before the Russians discover this, if they haven't already done so. However, for the time being the Soviets have won another major propaganda victory and can be expected to capitalize on it.

The traitors M. and M. will be pumped for all the information the Russians can get, then cast off into the forgotten lands where they will have plenty of time to think and regret, like so many of their predecessors.

The international business of spying and sabotage has been in existence long before Martin and Mitchell were heard from, and will probably remain after they're gone, which should not be too long. If the M. and M. boys think of the Soviets as angels and a nation which is absolved from the evils of spying, they haven't read Russian history, or possibly they are even more stupid than the dictates of their guilty consciences.

Herbert Sommers.

While the revolting details in the background of Mitchell and Martin's defection to Russia constitute one of the denigrated but apparently idealistic defections, Martin and Mitchell, except that immorality breeds immorality and that silence and secrecy make the best breeding grounds?

Traitors they are to eternal truths, discerned by the perceptive more easily in democracy than in communism. The materialism and tyranny of communism only make life seem easier. M. and M. will never find what they seek, because they were not true to the best in themselves. They betrayed the values of faithfulness and loyalty, qualities which are the essence of love for country — or for anything. Martin and Mitchell are political beatniks, trying to escape into their own little world of self-satisfaction. They spled, they lied, and they betrayed their fellow-men, because they are "weak." They do

not have the faith in the principles of their own country necessary to fight and sacrifice for these principles in the only place it would do any good — their own home ground.

My guess is that M. and M. are Communists — bred some time back. Obviously, McCarthyism neither caught them nor changed them. They fed and thrived on such policies as attacks on atheists, harassment of unpopular political views, and failure to give equal opportunity to individual talent.

Theo. T. DeFeblo.

It was with great interest and dismay that I read The Star's account of the defection of two employees of the National Security Agency. The Star reported in part: "Other Government officials, who declined to be identified, reported that Government agencies knew about the departure of Mitchell and Martin from Cuba aboard a Russian trawler shortly after the ship left Cuba."

If this account is true, it is inconceivable that NSA and the CIA could have known about the movements of these two men so close off the shores of the United States without having intervened, if necessary by force of arms. The ship reportedly taking these men to Russia was a Soviet trawler — not a military vessel.

The reference frame of the universe—the universal whole—from earth as point of view. What more adequately symbolizes the universal spirit of the Man? Everyone who understands its real significance will surely approve.

Fortune Magazine for November, 1948 contained beautiful full-page picture of the sphere, and described its importance, not only to astronomers, but aviators and navigators both marine and aerial, for purposes of orientation. Its lines are based on the universal movement that the earth illustrates in its revolution, rotation, oscillation, and gravitation.

Thinkers are now extending its use to orientation in the mental realm and have discovered that that universal pattern is also the key to the universal movements of the human mind. It mirrors

Catholic in the days before the Communist take-over, and of later rejecting his religious faith to become an important official in the East German Communist Party. One of his assignments was to read and evaluate for party purposes some free world literature on Catholicism. Only highly trusted and extremely dedicated Communists ever are permitted access to such information. This literature reawakened old convictions on the importance of religion and freedom to a full, productive life. Mr. Prauss escaped to West Berlin, because, in his own words, "This was the only way to win back freedom of faith and conscience." Once more, he attends services in the church of his choice, and is building a new life for himself unhampered by the stringent restrictions and requirements for total atheism necessary to membership in the Communist Party.

A. M. J.

On one level, the case of the NSA defectors points up a condition which has been apparent to me for a long time. One does not have to move in Washington civil service circles very long before realizing that there are people in our Federal Government who are a good deal less than hostile to the Soviet Union. This is not to cry "Witcham! Witcham!" but to point out that there is intelligence. It was Plato who said,

"God invented and bestowed sight on us for this purpose—that on surveying the circles of intelligence in the heavens, we might properly employ those of our own minds," and "by imitating the uniform revolutions of divinity, set right our own wanderings and blinders."

And it was our own Ralph Waldo Emerson who asserted:

"There is nothing in the world which is not repeated in man's body, his body being a sort of miniature or summary of the world; then there is nothing in his body which is not repeated as in a celestial sphere in his mind; then, there is nothing in his brain which is not repeated in a higher sphere in his moral system."

Harry and Edith Custard.

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